

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Deborah Abston, President

The days are getting longer and there is a lot going on with the Friends and the Tempe Public Library. Mark your calendars for some of these upcoming events:

YouthFest – Saturday, March 5, 2005, 11 AM – 4 PM Kiwanis Park. We will be selling Children's books at our booth and hope to see you there.

ASU to You – Tuesday, March 8, 2005, 6:30-8 PM. - Exploring the Underground Railroad ASU Moderator: Stephen Marc, Professor, School of Art

Spring Book Sale, Saturday, April 23, 2005 10 AM – 2 PM (Friend Members preview 9 AM - 10 AM.)

We currently need some energetic folks to serve on the Board of Directors. We have a wonderful time planning and organizing events for fundraising. If you are interested in serving, please leave a message at (480) 350-5599.

Our October Book Sale was

very successful, with over \$6,000 raised. Thanks to all of our volunteers who set up, made gift baskets, took in money and put everything away until next time.

We welcome your donations for our book sales. You can drop them off at either the circulation desk (receipts are available) OR loading dock (back of library building). You can also leave them Friends of the Tempe Public Library donation boxes in Tempe Basha's 3115 S. McClintock Drive (NE Corner of McClintock and Southern) or Safeway (SW corner of McClintock and Elliot).

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the Book Corner and Book Sales. We need people to sort items, determine prices, and stock shelves. If you can help with this endeavor, please leave a message for Russ Harris or Melaine Corrao at the office, (480) 350-5599.

We will also be involved with the Connections Center Project, specifically, the Connections Café, which is currently in the planning

ABOVE THE STACKS

By Teri Metros,
Library Administrator

Get Real, Get Fit! Program Coming to TPL

We were delighted to learn that our library was selected through a highly competitive grant process as one of forty public libraries nationwide to participate in the *Get Real, Get Fit!* initiative. Co-sponsored by Libraries for the Future and the MetLife Foundation, *Get Real, Get Fit!* is a national library-based program promoting physical fitness and healthy eating.

The initiative targets teens and their families in an effort to help combat the growing epidemic of obesity and physical inactivity among young people. This national program enables libraries to bring together teens and their parents for discussions and activities sparked by film and literature

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that emphasize the importance and benefits of fitness and healthy eating. It offers opportunities to increase physical activity and adopt healthy eating habits. Through library collaboration with community partners, *Get Real, Get Fit!* also aims to promote awareness and use of public libraries as key resources for health and wellness information.

TPL's program will include four Sunday afternoon health festivals to be held in the library's Program Room. Activities will focus on exercise and wellness, cooking and nutrition, and self-esteem. Our Teen Friends members will take an active role in this program as well. The *Dance Dance Revolution* interactive game booth will provide both fun and fitness. This program would not have been possible without a great community partner, Whole Foods Market. Whole Foods will be providing snacks and refreshments for all four events, as well as two chefs who will show teens and their families ways to make quick and easy snacks and meals as an alternative to fast food. This wonderful program was brought to us through the efforts of Sarah Kaufman, the newest member of Tempe's Youth Library team. Sarah wrote the successful grant application and will be traveling to New York City in March to take part in the national training for this initiative. Look for more information about event dates and times in the coming months.

Go Wireless @ the Library

The library's new wireless network came on line in November and has proved to be real hit with our users. Wireless access points are now available in all public areas of the library, as well as within the second floor meeting rooms and the lower level Tempe Learning Center Classroom.

In order to connect to the network, laptop computers will need to have an 802.11B wireless card, and the latest version of Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator, or Mozilla Firefox browsing software. PC users will need the latest version of either the Windows XP or the Windows 2000 operating system. Macintosh users can also connect to the network. "Go Wireless" user guides are available online and within the library. For information about the wireless network, visit www.tempe.gov/library and click on "Go Wireless".

OneBookAZ

The 2005 OneBookAZ statewide celebration of reading will feature two books this year, one fiction and one non-fiction, dealing with the mysterious disappearance of Glen and Bessie Hyde during their 1928 honeymoon river trip through the Grand Canyon. Brad Dimock's *Sunk Without a Sound, the Tragic Colorado River Honeymoon Trip of Glen and Bessie Hyde* is a non-



fiction account that details Mr. Dimock's two years of research to find the truth behind their disappearance. *Sunk Without a Sound* has been awarded the National Outdoor Book Award and the Arizona Library Association's Arizona Highways Non-fiction Book Award. The fictional account, Lisa Michaels's *Grand Ambition* is a tale of riveting suspense. OneBookAZ events will be held statewide. The kick-off event will be held at the Arizona Book Festival on Saturday, April 2nd, at the Carnegie Center located near the Arizona State Capitol on 1100 West Washington. Thanks to the financial support of the Friends, Tempe will be the site of an important OneBookAZ event. On Sunday, April 3rd, at 2:00 p.m., both OneBookAZ featured authors will visit our library to discuss their books. Copies of their books will be available for purchase during this event. More information about OneBookAZ activities can be found at <http://www.tempe.gov/library/events/onebookaz.htm>.

Tempe Connections

In the last edition of this newsletter, I was pleased to announce that the City of Tempe was the recipient of a grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust that will bring the Tempe Connections Center to the Library. Tempe Connections will be a comprehensive one-stop resource to connect the baby boom generation and other young seniors with information services and programs they will need to remain informed, engaged,

and happy community participants. Comprising approximately 2000 square feet on the main floor of the library, the center will include a coffee shop and program space for Connections activities. Architecton, an award-winning and innovative Tempe-based architectural firm, is currently developing the plans for the space which will open to the public in January 2006. Look for more details on the project in the coming months.

Dough on the Go!

We want to say thanks to another great community partner, the Wildflower Bread Company, for supporting our library through its *Dough on the Go!* program. This program is a quick and easy way



to pick-up some wonderful, just-baked bread and support the Tempe Public Library at the same time.

All you have to do is visit the Tempe Wildflower location, pick up a hard-crusted baguette, and drop a dollar in the flower pot on your way out. Proceeds from the Tempe location will be donated in support of TPL programs and services. The Wildflower Bread Company is located on the southwest corner of McClintock and Guadalupe in the Tempe Square Shopping Center.

OFF THE SHELF

Kim Garza,
Collection Management Librarian

SEQUELS

How many of us close a book and immediately miss those characters, and want to be a part of their lives again? That is why it is so exciting when the sequel to a favorite book comes along, and especially when it lives up to the promise of the first book.

Sansom, C. J. *Dark Fire*, sequel to *Dissolution*.

This series is for lovers of historical fiction and/or historical mysteries. Lawyer Matthew Shardlake, "the sharpest humpback in England" works as a reformer for Henry VIII during the tumultuous start of the Church of England. The first novel finds him investigating a murder at a monastery that is about to be dissolved. *Dark Fire* takes place 3 years later as Shardlake finds himself defending a young woman of a horrible murder.



Satrap, Marjane. *Persepolis 2: the story of a return*, sequel to *Persepolis*.

Iranian artist and writer Satrapi has written her memoirs in a graphic, or illustrated format. The first book starts out at the time of the Iranian revolution in the late 70s, when as a young girl



her whole life changed. It follows here through her adolescence with warmth and humor. The first book ends when she is 15 and being sent to school in Vienna by her parents. Knowing the horrors of the times, you are really left wondering about her future. That is why I was thrilled that she wrote a second volume which takes her through her teenage years into adulthood. You get a much better understanding of who she is now.

This is a great read for all ages, especially anyone wanting to better understand the reality of living in the Middle East.

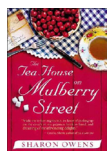
Thayer, Nancy. *The Hot Flash Club Strikes Again*, sequel to *The Hot Flash Club*.

I can't say too much about this sequel, without giving away the first book. I will say that the strong women of the first book help a new group of women survive and thrive mid-life challenges. These books show how important it is to work together to help each other, and how essential friendship is. These are warm and engaging reading.



Owens, Sharon. *The Tea House on Mulberry Street*.

This is the first title in an Irish series, which is for lovers of Jan Karon and Maeve Binchy. There are two more books forthcoming (already published abroad), and even if they are only half as good they will be worth waiting for. The series follows the lives and loves of several people in a contemporary Belfast neighbor-



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stages. This is an exciting project and we are all looking forward to seeing it through to completion.

We have also been working very closely with the new Teen Friends of the Tempe Public Library. This group of enthusiastic, energetic, creative young people are busy raising funds for teen programs. They are also recruiting for new members. If you know any young folk 13-18 interested in service and having fun, have them leave a message at the Friends office ((480)-350-5599) for either Alex Chin, Allison Ringness, Emma Ringness or Natalie Schmidt.

I am looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Preschool Library Card Campaign

January and February were busy months for the Youth staff. For the first time in the history of the Tempe Public Library, children can choose one of four new colorful preschool library cards for their very own. The library cards and the campaign to promote them were a part of the 1-2-3 Read Tempe! grant funded by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act. Also funded by the grant was a video to promote the new cards and the library and a treasure hunt with a prize at the end.

The video "The Trail of the Laughing Dragon" won an Award

of Excellence at the 19th Annual Media Communications Association's Arizona Video Festival Awards on December 5th. The treasure hunt was intended to familiarize children and their parents with the Youth Library. The incentive was a sky blue t-shirt with a dragon and 1-2-3 Read Tempe on the front. Since January 1, approximately 1,000 children have received new library cards, gone on the treasure hunt and earned the prize shirts. Youth staff showed the video and gave presentations to 2800 children at 14 schools. The colorful new children's library cards are here to stay but the treasure hunt will continue only as long as supplies last. For more information, call the Youth Desk at



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